



Financial Information and Guidance for Trainees Offered a Place on a Training Programme

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It is important that we know which method you will be choosing to cover the cost of your tuition fees.

1. Fees

Trainees on a School Direct course are charged £9,000 in tuition fees to Bluecoat SCITT Alliance Nottingham, the standard rate for postgraduate courses (fees do not have to be paid upfront and can be paid in a number of ways). However, we will ask you to confirm your method of payment, and agree to maintaining repayments by completing a tuition fee payment agreement. All trainees will be invoiced for payments at each of the instalment periods.

Trainees are entitled to financial support. Those from the UK and EU are eligible for student loans to cover tuition fees and maintenance (see Appendix 1).

Bursaries are also available in priority subject areas; the level of the bursary is dependent on your degree level and subject you wish to teach.

Scholarships are also available in certain subjects and offered dependent on your degree grade. We are unable to cover the cost of travel expenses.

2. Tuition Fee Payment

If you are choosing to apply for a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of your course fees, this should be done as soon as possible via the Student Loans Company. You are able to fund part, or all of your fees through the loans method. If you are part funding, please see additional information about self-funding. You can apply for student finance at any point prior to the start of the programme, we suggest as early as possible to make sure you have the provision in place. Your commitment to repay will not start until you are registered on the course in September and your attendance confirmed to the SLC by Bluecoat SCITT. You can apply for student finance here.

You will need to include our SLC ID Number IUDH on your application in order for your application to be linked to Bluecoat SCITT.

Once you have been informed that your application for finance has been successful there is nothing you will need to do. In September when you are enrol on our programme we are required to confirm your attendance and in doing so the SLC will make payments directly to us on your behalf. Your continued termly attendance is recorded throughout the year to prompt continued payment of fees.

Payments are made to us at the start of each term, please note that if you attend the first day of any term you remain liable to pay the tuition fee for the whole of that term regardless of any change during the term.

There are other factsheets that may also be useful for advising on 'standard' Student Finance topics like Eligibility and How Repayment Works. The full suite can be accessed here:-

<http://www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/resources/201516-resources/resources-for-teachers-and-further-education-advisors#factsheets>

To help you work out repayment options use the student finance calculator

Self-Funding

Payments should be made in accordance with the payment schedule on the tuition fee payment form, however payment can be made in full or at other intervals if you wish. Trainees covering their own fees are still eligible to apply for a Maintenance Grant and/or Maintenance Loan.

Tuition Fee Payment Agreement

You will be asked to complete and sign an agreement form at the start of the course to confirm how you wish to meet the fee payment and to confirm your responsibility to ensure payment is made at the required intervals during the course.

Late Payments

If payment has not been made within 14 days (including weekends) of the instalment due dates, a £50 late payment fee will be incurred. In addition, Bluecoat SCITT Alliance reserves the right to consider restricting access to the full SCITT programme.

Mid Term withdrawals/leavers

If you leave before 1st December 2019 you will be liable for the first £4000. If you leave on or after 1st December 2019, or your training is terminated you will be liable for the full £9000 fee. The recommendation for QTS and M Level Credits will be withheld from any trainee who fails to honour monetary debts or fails to return any equipment or books loaned to them by BSAN or its partner institutions. Please note that trainees remain personally liable for payment of their fees, irrespective of their source of funding. Refusal to provide funding by Student Finance England does not exempt a trainee from the requirement to settle all fees promptly.

3. Bursaries

You do not need to apply for bursaries separately; these are calculated automatically based on the eligibility criteria to receive a bursary in particular subjects and payments are arranged and approved by Bluecoat SCITT Alliance based on this criteria and paid to you by the Student Loans Company. Please note you do not need to have a degree in the subject of your course, just the appropriate degree qualification and/or other eligibility criteria.

| BURSARY | | PhD | Ma | 1 st | 2:1 | 2:2 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|----|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Maths ² | ITT Year | £20,000 | | | | |
| | Early - Career Payments | £10,000 [£5,000 Year 3 & 5 of QTS teaching] | | | | |
| Physics | | £26,000 | | | | |
| Chemistry | | £26,000 | | | | |
| Languages ⁴ | | £26,000 | | | | |
| Computing | | £26,000 | | | | |
| Geography | | £26,000 | | | | |
| Biology | | £26,000 | | | | |
| Classics ⁶ | | £26,000 | | | | |
| English | | £15,000 | | | | |
| D&T, History | | £12,000 | | | | |
| Music, RE | | £9,000 | | | | |
| Primary with maths ⁷ | | £6,000 | | | | |

| SCHOLARSHIP ³ | | PhD | Ma | 1 st | 2:1 | 2:2 ³ |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|----|-----------------|-----|------------------|
| Maths ² | ITT Year | £22,000 | | | | |
| | Early - Career Payments | £10,000 [£5,000 Year 3 & 5 of QTS teaching] | | | | |
| Physics | | £28,000 | | | | |
| Chemistry | | £28,000 | | | | |
| Languages ⁴ | | £28,000 ⁵ | | | | |
| Computing | | £28,000 | | | | |
| Geography | | £28,000 | | | | |

1. Bursaries and scholarships are available to trainees on a fee-based teacher training course in England that leads to the award of qualified teacher status. Availability is dependent on your highest relevant academic award and the subject in which you are training to teach. To receive a bursary or scholarship you must be entitled to support under the [Student Finance England](#) criteria. Residents of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will need to be entitled for support as set out by your country's student finance body (Student Finance Wales, Student Awards Agency Scotland or Student Finance NI). Both elements will be assessed by your teacher training provider. If you have a degree from outside the UK, you should refer to the [overseas degree equivalency table](#) to see the bursary your degree may attract. You can also contact your training provider for clarification on your degree's equivalency and your eligibility for a bursary and student finance.

2. You could receive £30k or £32k in total - £20k as a tax-free bursary or £22k scholarship with additional payments of £10k after tax once in teaching. You'll need to have completed a non-salaried teacher training course and received a bursary or scholarship in the academic years 2018/19 or 2019/2020. You'll receive two additional early-career payments of £5k each in your third and fifth year of teaching - enhancements to these payments are available if you teach in specified areas in England. You must have taught in a state-funded school in England since completing your teacher training course. [View the full terms and conditions.](#)

3. Trainees in physics, maths, languages, chemistry, geography and computing with a 2:1 or above are able to apply for a teacher training scholarship with the appropriate professional body. You can still apply if you have a 2:2, but you'll need to provide evidence of significant relevant experience. Scholarships are awarded in place of a bursary.

4. Bursaries are available for trainees in French, German and Spanish. They are also available for other modern, community or ancient languages. The full list of eligible languages can be found on [GOV.UK](#).

5. Languages scholarships are only available if you train to teach French, German or Spanish.

6. Bursaries are available to trainees on a classics course where the course is in an ancient language (Latin or Ancient Greek).

7. Bursaries are available to trainees on primary with maths courses with at least grade B maths A level or equivalent

Bursary funding is paid to Bluecoat SCITT from the DfE on your behalf. On confirmation of your enrolment on a valid programme in September payment will be made to Bluecoat SCITT. Payments are then made to you in equal monthly instalments (based on your bursary amount) via BACS.

Bursary awards will be paid in equal monthly instalments over the duration of the course. The standard payment months for full-time courses are October to July of the academic year. The payment structure is the last working day of the month. Payment amounts and terms will be confirmed before the start of the programme.

4. Scholarships

Applications are made directly to the subject awarding body/professional association.

Trainees awarded a scholarship cannot receive a bursary. However, trainees who are not awarded a scholarship will continue to be eligible for a standard bursary.

These prestigious awards are aimed at high quality graduates with a 2:1 and above, who are passionate about their subject and have the potential to be inspirational teachers.

For those subjects that offer an appropriate scholarship you will need to apply directly to the awarding body for the subject:

Physics - delivered by the Institute of Physics (IOP)

Maths - delivered by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA), in collaboration with the London Mathematical Society (LMS), the Mathematical Association (MA), Maths in Education and Industry (MEI) and the Royal Statistical Society (RSS)

Chemistry - delivered by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)

Computing - delivered by the BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT

Geography - delivered by the Royal Geographical Society

MFL - delivered by the British Council

Please inform Bluecoat SCITT if you are applying for a scholarship AND if you are awarded any funding, and how much this will be. We are not informed directly by the Associations of the scholarship awards.

Payment of scholarship funding is paid in the same way as a bursary so it is important for us to know we have received the appropriate funds in order for us to make the monthly payments to you

Appendix 1

5. Financial Support

If you are enrolling on an initial teacher education programme, you may be able to apply for funding.

How it works

Teacher training is a big investment, but there's often funding available to help you to help cover tuition fees, as well as maintenance support and bursaries.

Preparing for your studies

Here's a checklist for you to make sure you're ready for the start of your course.
Are there any other offer conditions you need to meet?

Apart from waiting for exam results, check whether you need to do anything else to get your place. Your university or college might have given you further requirements, like health or financial requirements, DBS checks or proof of your qualifications.

Are you prepared financially?

If you have a loan or funding, check that all the details are sorted.

Go to our managing money area for advice on banking, budgeting, debts and part-time employment that your course provider may be able to help with.

Do you have somewhere to live?

If you're going somewhere new, make sure you've got somewhere to live, and think ahead to insurance, bills, supplies and a TV licence.

Have you thought about transport?

If you're moving away, you'll need to plan your moving day and how you're getting there, as well as what transport routes you might need to get to your campus.

Is there anything you need to buy or do before your course starts?

Do you need to get any course materials or do any preparatory reading or research over summer?
The Student Loans Company administers the following support to all eligible applicants domiciled in England, Wales or Northern Ireland - visit their website slc.co.uk

How to Apply

You can apply for [student finance here](#)

Tuition Fees

Tuition Fee Loan

The Tuition Fee Loan is a non-income assessed loan to meet the cost of tuition fees. It is payable to the training provider in three instalments. Payment is made when confirmation is received from the training provider that the student is in attendance at the start of each term.

The amount of tuition charged is dependent on both the:

- country of study - each of the devolved governments are responsible for setting the maximum tuition fees rate within their territory
- university or college - who charge a fee rate up to the maximum set by their government (this excludes private institutions who can charge more)

The maximum Tuition Fee Loan available to a student will be the lesser of the two.

Any costs which are in excess of this will need to be paid by the student directly to the university or college.

All Tuition Fee Loans are repayable and accrue interest at the same rate as the Maintenance Loan.

Find out more about tuition fees in our student zone area.

Loans for Living Costs

Maintenance Loan

The Maintenance Loan is the main student loan product for living costs for full-time undergraduate students and those on initial teacher training courses.

It comprises a:

- non-financially assessed portion, which all students who are eligible for the loan can receive;
- financially assessed portion, which depends on household income.

Maximum entitlement is affected by:

- the devolved government which sets the maximum rate of entitlement for the award body students need to apply through
 - Student Finance England
 - Student Finance Wales
 - Student Finance Northern Ireland
 - Students Awards Agency for Scotland;
- where a student lives for studying:
 - parental home
 - away from parental home
 - away from parental home and within in London
- year of course:
- entitlement to other financial support

Maintenance Loans are paid directly to the student in three instalments, if they've applied through Student Finance England/ Student Finance Wales/ Student Finance Northern Ireland;

All Maintenance Loans are repayable and accrue interest. Find out more about loans for living costs in our student zone area.

Extra Financial Support

There's extra financial support available if you're a parent, have an adult dependant, or a disability. The support listed here doesn't have to be paid back. To find out more on the other options to fund your training, visit <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training/extra-financial-support>

Student Finance Calculator

You can use the [student finance calculator](#) to estimate Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans and extra funding that may be available, for instance Parents' Learning Allowance, Childcare Grants or Child Tax Credits

For more information about fees and funding, please refer to the following websites:

Useful links

DfE

<http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding>

Bursaries and Scholarships

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training/bursaries-and-scholarships-for-teacher-training>

Student Finance via Student Loans Company

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/loans-and-grants>

<https://www.gov.uk/teacher-training-funding>

[Cross Reference Documents: [Tuition Fee Agreement Form.docx](#)]